

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

*To the President and Directors of the North-Carolina
Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind:*

GENTLEMEN: The meetings of the General Assembly of our State being biennial, it becomes necessary that my report should embrace a period of two years, from the first day of September, 1856.

During the 12th session, which closed on the 30th day of June, 1857, fifty-one pupils were in attendance; thirty-four in the deaf-mute department, and seventeen in the blind department. During the 13th session, closing on the 30th day of June, 1858, fifty-seven pupils were in attendance; thirty-nine in the deaf-mute department, and eighteen in the blind department.

The number of teachers employed in the deaf-mute department, has been three; and the same number in the blind department, one of whom is a teacher of music. The salaries of these teachers, for the last session, amounted to nineteen hundred dollars, being an average of three hundred and sixteen dollars for each teacher, while the foreman in the broom shop receives six hundred and fifty dollars. All the teachers, except the music teacher, are boarded in the Institution.

A comparison of the prices paid in similar Institutions to teachers, with those paid in ours, will show that we are paying our teachers less than is paid in any other Institution in the United States. I call attention to this matter, from the fact that it is becoming very evident, that if we wish to retain our teachers, or to secure the services of competent instructors, we must pay what is customary in other Institutions.

For a report of the expenditures of the last session, in detail, I refer you to my report as auditor.

At the commencement of the last session, (September, 1857,) a new arrangement in regard to the financial affairs of the Institution, was introduced, in accordance with the By-laws adopted by your body, in June, 1857. By this arrange-